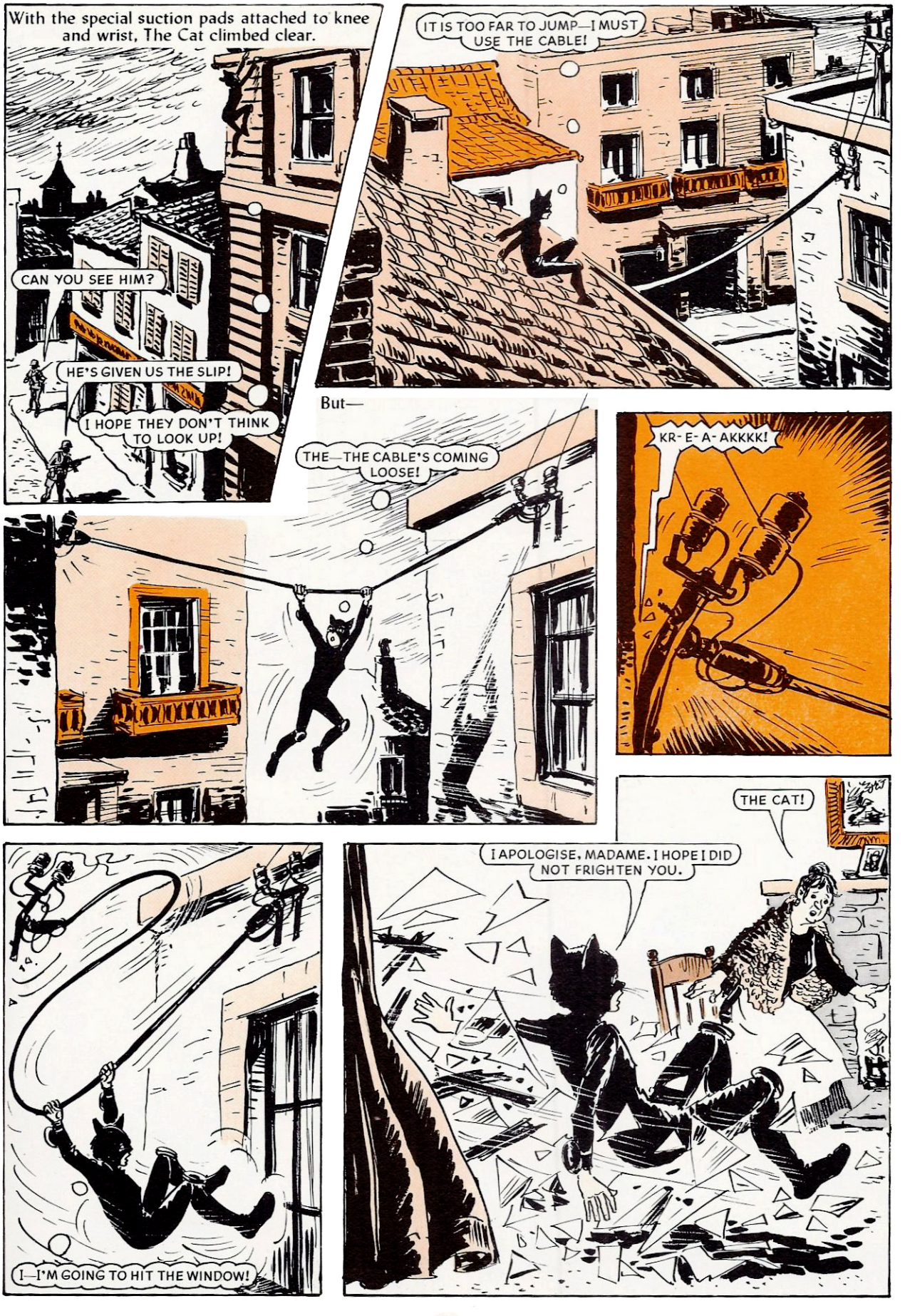
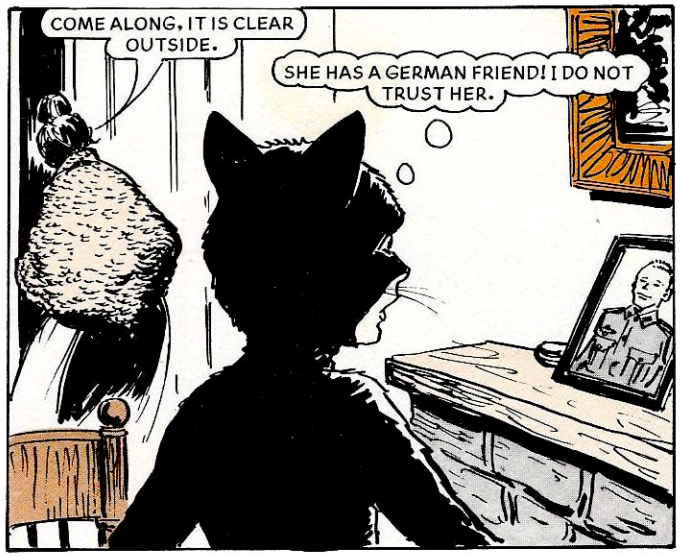
CATCH the CAT

WHEN Britain and France were at war with Germany, the Germans invaded France in 1940. The citizens of one small town watched in dismay and did as little as possible to help the invaders. One young girl, Marie Bonnet, earned the contempt of her friends by appearing to be too friendly with the Germans. No-one suspected that Marie was really a daring resister known as—The Cat!


With the special suction pads attached to knee and wrist, The Cat climbed clear.
CAN YOU SEE HIM?
HE'S GIVEN US THE SLIP!
I HOPE THEY DON'T THINK TO LOOK UP!
IT IS TOO FAR TO JUMP—I MUST USE THE CABLE!
But—
THE—THE CABLE'S COMING LOOSE!
KR-E-A-AKKKK!
I—I'M GOING TO HIT THE WINDOW!
I APOLOGISE, MADAME. I HOPE I DID NOT FRIGHTEN YOU.
THE CAT!

I'VE TWISTED MY ANKLE.
I WILL HELP YOU. TELL ME WHERE YOU LIVE. I WILL TAKE YOU HOME —


COME ALONG, IT IS CLEAR OUTSIDE.
SHE HAS A GERMAN FRIEND! I DO NOT TRUST HER.

The Cat allowed the woman to lead her through the streets, until—
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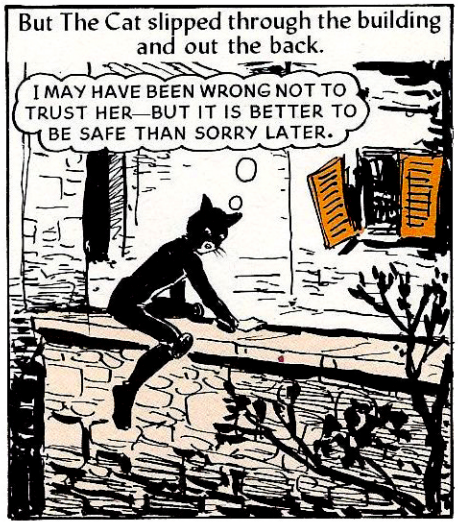
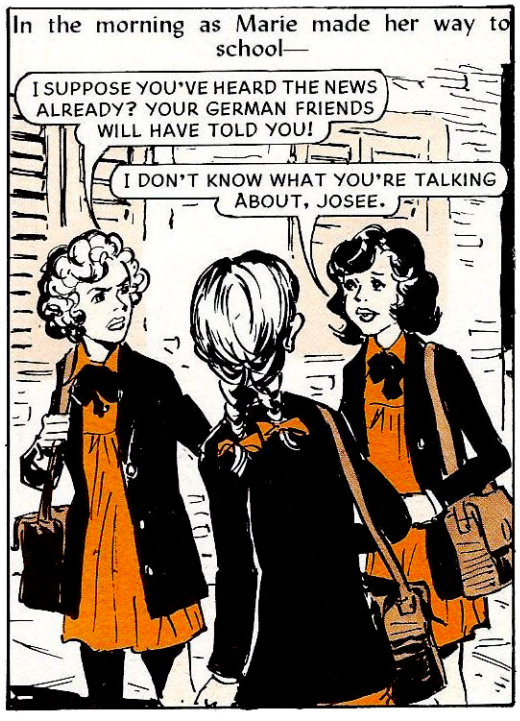
THANK YOU. I CAN MANAGE NOW, I AM HOME.
VIVE LA FRANCE
NUMBER TWENTY, RUE MADELEINE.


But The Cat slipped through the building and out the back.
I MAY HAVE BEEN WRONG NOT TO TRUST HER—BUT IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY LATER.

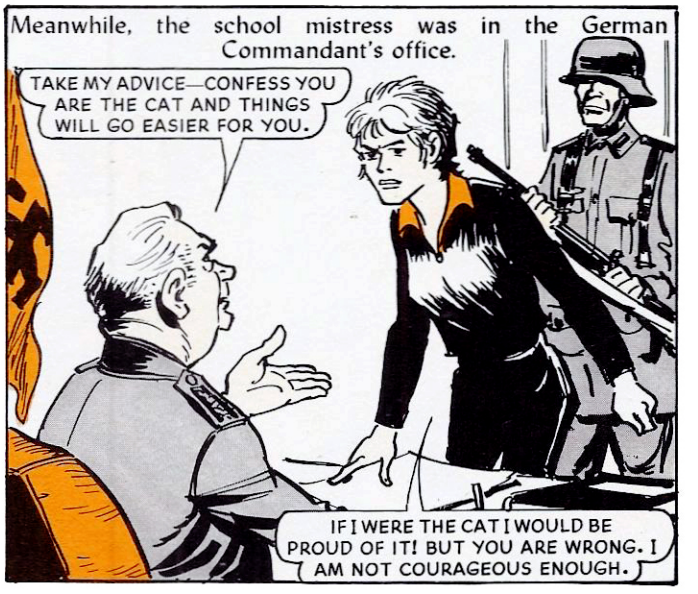
At her real home—
MY ANKLE FEELS EASIER ALREADY, IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MUCH OF AN INJURY, BUT OHHH, I AM SO TIRED!


In the morning as Marie made her way to school—
I SUPPOSE YOU'VE HEARD THE NEWS ALREADY? YOUR GERMAN FRIENDS WILL HAVE TOLD YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, JOSEE.

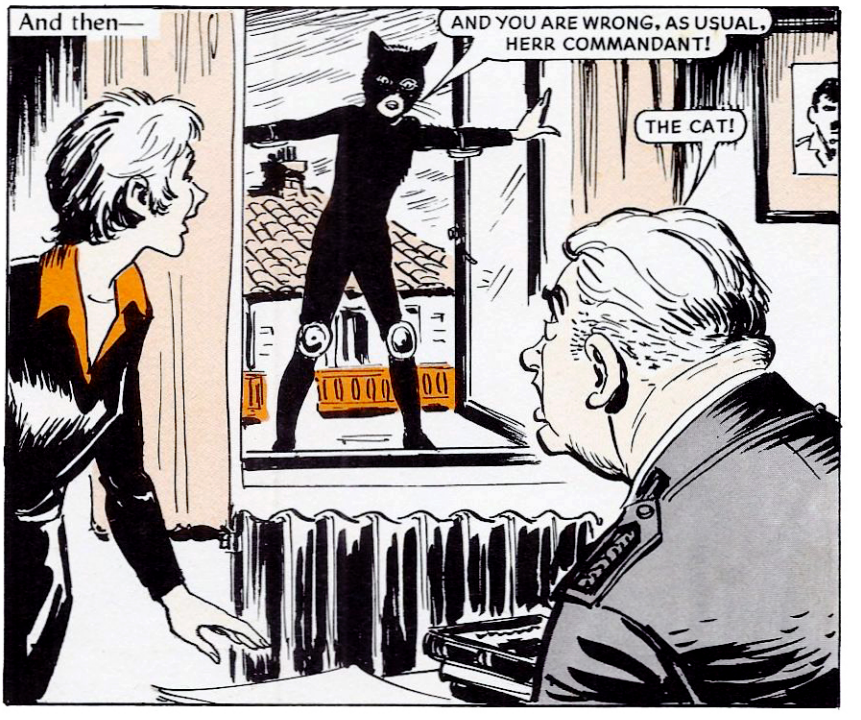
M'AMSELLE FERBET, OUR GYM MISTRESS, WAS ARRESTED AT DAWN. THE GERMANS SAY SHE IS THE CAT!
M'AMSELLE FERBET? OH, NO!

SOMEONE TOLD THE NAZIS THEY'D SEEN THE CAT ENTER TWENTY RUE MADELEINE LAST NIGHT AND M'AMSELLE FERBET IS THE ONLY ONE WHO LIVES THERE.
SHE'S BEEN THERE EVER SINCE HER OTHER HOME WAS BOMBED!

When school ended for the day. Marie hurried home.
I MUST HELP M'AMSELLE FERBET. I MUST PROVE SHE IS NOT THE CAT!


Meanwhile, the school mistress was in the German Commandant's office.
TAKE MY ADVICE—CONFESS YOU ARE THE CAT AND THINGS WILL GO EASIER FOR YOU.
IF I WERE THE CAT I WOULD BE PROUD OF IT! BUT YOU ARE WRONG. I AM NOT COURAGEOUS ENOUGH.

YOU ARE A GYM MISTRESS, NO? SO YOU CAN LEAP AND JUMP—JUST LIKE THE CAT. IT FITS IN!
UTTER RUBBISH!


And then—
AND YOU ARE WRONG, AS USUAL, HERR COMMANDANT!
THE CAT!

HE ESCAPES! GET AFTER HIM! SURROUND THE BUILDING!
The Cat moved fast—
FIRE!
THERE!
HMMM! THEIR SHOOTING IS BETTER THAN USUAL! A NEAR MISS!
IF I'VE TIMED THINGS CORRECTLY, THE GERMANS WILL COME AROUND THE CORNER IN A VERY FEW MINUTES. I MUST HURRY.
THERE IS THE CAT!
AFTER HIM!
URGGHHH! IT'S COLD!

THE PRINTS OF THE CAT!
HURRY—WE'VE GOT HIM!
The Cat made her way to the house of the woman who had betrayed her!
GOOD! THEY ARE STILL FOLLOWING.
NOW TO ESCAPE—WITHOUT LEAVING FOOTPRINTS!
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MADE IT!
When the Germans arrived—
YOU ARE HIDING THE CAT! HE'S HERE!
NO, YOU ARE WRONG. I AM A FRIEND OF GERMANY. ONLY YESTERDAY I TOLD THE COMMANDANT WHERE TO FIND THE CAT!
THE CAT IS IN YOUR HOUSE! SEE—HIS FOOTPRINTS. HE CAME HERE—WE SAW HIM!
ARREST HER AND SEARCH THE HOUSE! IF THE CAT HAS ESCAPED—SHE WILL BE MADE TO TALK!

Meanwhile, The Cat had returned home.
I DO NOT THINK THE COMMANDANT CAN HOLD MISS FERBET MUCH LONGER.
And, in the morning—
MISS FERBET HAS BEEN SET FREE, MARIE.
THE CAT MADE SURE OF THAT!
OH, I AM GLAD!
I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW HOW BRAVE THE CAT IS! HOW HE APPEARED AT THE WINDOW OF THE COMMANDANT'S OFFICE TO PROVE I WAS NOT THE CAT! ONE DAY A STATUE WILL BE ERECTED TO HONOUR THE CAT!
BUT THERE WON'T BE ANY STATUE PUT UP FOR HER! SHE WAS THE ONE WHO BETRAYED ME—THINKING I WAS THE CAT!
NOW SHE'S BEEN ARRESTED!
THERE WON'T BE A STATUE ERECTED IN YOUR HONOUR, MARIE BONNET! THEY DON'T HONOUR COWARDS!
OR PEOPLE WHO ARE FRIENDLY TO THE GERMANS.
IF ONLY I COULD TELL THEM THE TRUTH. BEING A HEROINE WITHOUT FRIENDS IS VERY LONELY!
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